Irregularities in the Velur School.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

268. Will the Government be pleased to state (with reasons)

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Manager of the Velur School behaved very rudely and insulted the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Kunjunni Menon, when he went there on duty?

(b) If so, what action was taken regarding the same by the Director?

(c) Is it a fact that the said Manager, in spite of two reminders from the Director, refused to reinstate a teacher, who was sent out for no fault of his?

(d) If so, what action was taken against the said Manager by the Director for the deliberate disobedience of the Government orders?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) and (b). The matter is being inquired into.

(c) It is a fact that the Manager refused to reinstate the teacher in spite of orders. No reminders were issued; but on a later representation from the Manager, he was told that the orders issued should be complied with before any further representation could be considered.

(d) The grant of the school has been suspended.

The Effect of the British Empire Exhibition on the Industries of the State.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

269. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state what has been the economic effect of the British Empire Exhibition on the industries and manufactory of the State?

(b) As a result of the Exhibition, has there been any demand for the articles exhibited by the State? If so, to what extent?

(c) What is the total cost incurred by the State for the Exhibition and the income derived by the sales of the articles exhibited?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) Government consider it too early to gauge the effect.

(b) Vide answer above.

(c) The total cost amounts to Rs. 39,937-13-9, and the total income derived from articles so far sold is Rs. 5,557-3-0.

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Dr. A. G. MENON.

May I know whether the exhibits sent returned to Cochin from London after the Exhibition? When was it?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Some were returned, a few months back, the rest being sold in London.

The Scout Movement in the State.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

270. (A) (a) How many students have joined the Scout movement from each of the schools in the State, since it was started?

(b) What is its present strength?

(c) How many teachers are now engaged in the movement, and who are they, and how many private gentlemen are now actually participating in it?

(d) What are the chief centres where the movement is now working?

(e) What is the total amount of money the Government have already spent to organise, maintain and foster this movement?

(f) What is the amount the public have contributed towards it?

(B) How many written or oral complaints have come to the notice of the Director or any of the Inspectors regarding acts committed by any of the Scouts or Scout-masters contrary to order and discipline that ought to be maintained in schools? If so, what action has been taken in such cases?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) and (b). The member is referred to the statement "A" appended. (*Vide Appendix XIII.*)

(c) Vide statements "B" and "C" appended. (*Vide Appendix XIV.*)

(d) (1) Ernakulam
(2) Trichur
(3) Chittur
(4) Nemmara
(5) Vadakkancheri
(6) Cherai
(7) Cochin
(8) Kunnamkulam
(9) Mulanturuttu
(10) Irinjalakkuda

(e) Rs. 24,923-6-11 including Rs. 15,000 spent for constructing the Scout Head-quarters building.

(f) Rs. 1,961-10-0.

(B) Two complaints came up to the notice of the Director. One was about the absence of the Scout-masters and Scouts from the Trichur Sirkar High School, without leave to attend

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